The terms California Impressionism and California Plein-Air Painting describe the large movement of 20th century California artists who worked out of doors (en plein air), directly from nature in California, United States. Their work became popular in the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California in the first three decades after the turn of the 20th century. Considered to be a regional variation on American Impressionism, the painters of the California Plein-Air School are also described as This is an original plein air painting of a sunrise landscape scene on above Sonoma, California. This 6” x 8” painting was painted on location in the open air. The contemporary landscape painting is an original signed, oil painting on gessoed panel. I have also painted in the north and south of Italy where the light can be something special." - Alfredo Tofanelli. ABOUT THE ARTIST - for more information please see the About section on my main Shop page. Alfredo has traveled around the country painting in various plein air events where he received numerous awards. One of my favorite plein air books. Read more. One person found this helpful. Ruth Lilly Westphal created an important, highly useful educational and in my opinion an essential reference tool for art students, collectors, dealers and art historians interested in the California "Plein Air" art movement. It features artists biographies along with painting examples of each artist's works. As one of California's foremost buyers of California Impressionist paintings, I highly recommend this book! [...] Read more. 10 people found this helpful. Find great deals on eBay for california plein air painting. Shop with confidence.